

PREFACE.

THE writer of the following pages having been requested, by the "Literary and Debating Society of Windsor," to deliver a Lecture during the last winter, chose the subject of "Nova-Scotia and Nova-Scotians," for several reasons. It was hoped that a brief Historical Sketch of the country would be interesting in itself, and that a collection of the scattered material, in reference to some of our distinguished countrymen, would tend to good by furnishing examples of talent, energy and piety.

The two first sections are compiled from a few sources which are now mentioned, in order to avoid the constant reference that would otherwise be necessary:—"An Historical and Statistical Account of Nova-Scotia, in two volumes, by Thomas C. Haliburton, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, &c.—1829." "An Historical and Descriptive Account of British America, by Hugh Murray, F. R. S. E., in three volumes, dmo." "The British Colonies," by R. Montgomery Martin, Esq., in one volume, Royal octavo." "A Hand-Book of the Geography and Natural History of the Province of Nova-Scotia, by J. W. Dawson—4th ed.—1855." "A Catechism of the Geography and History of Nova-Scotia, by J. H. Crosskill."

The third section has been composed partly from short obituary notices, monumental inscriptions, and brief memoirs in different papers and periodicals, and partly from information derived from correspondence with those who were personally acquainted with the individuals mentioned, or were in possession of authentic knowledge respecting them. In presenting this imperfect sketch to the public, the author does not profess to give a completed list of his countrymen who have acquired some distinction. Many others deserve to be remembered and honored, while there are, doubtless, many now living who will leave their impress on society.